

**Representative Jordan D. Teuscher** proposes the following substitute bill:

**VOTER AFFILIATION AMENDMENTS**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher**

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

---

---

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Election Code relating to a voter's change of political party affiliation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ specifies when a voter's designation or change of political party affiliation takes effect; and
- ▶ repeals a provision regarding changes to a voter's political party affiliation at a primary election.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**20A-2-107**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 433

REPEALS:

**20A-2-107.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 433



26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56

---

---

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **20A-2-107** is amended to read:

**20A-2-107. Designating or changing party affiliation -- Times permitted.**

(1) The county clerk shall:

(a) except as provided in Subsection (3), record the party affiliation designated by the voter on the voter registration form as the voter's party affiliation; or

(b) if no political party affiliation is designated by the voter on the voter registration form:

(i) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), record the voter's party affiliation as the party that the voter designated the last time that the voter designated a party on a voter registration form, unless the voter more recently registered as "unaffiliated"; or

(ii) record the voter's party affiliation as "unaffiliated" if the voter:

(A) did not previously designate a party;

(B) most recently designated the voter's party affiliation as "unaffiliated"; or

(C) did not previously register.

(2) (a) Any registered voter may designate or change the voter's political party affiliation by complying with the procedures and requirements of this Subsection (2).

(b) A registered voter may designate or change the voter's political party affiliation by filing a signed form with the county clerk that identifies the registered political party with which the voter chooses to affiliate~~[- during any period except the following:]~~.

~~[(i) the period beginning on the day after the voter registration deadline and continuing through the date of the regular primary election; and]~~

~~[(ii) the period beginning on the day after the voter registration deadline and continuing through the date of the presidential primary election.]~~

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(d), a signed form designating or changing a voter's political party affiliation takes effect when the county clerk receives the signed form.

(d) In an even-numbered year, a form described in Subsection (2)(c) received by the county clerk after March 31 takes effect on the day after that year's regular primary election if the form changes a registered voter's:

(i) affiliation with one political party to affiliate with another political party; or

57 (ii) unaffiliated status to affiliation with a political party.

58 (e) Any part of a form described in Subsection (2)(d), other than the voter's designation  
59 or change of political party affiliation, takes effect when the county clerk receives the signed  
60 form.

61 (f) For purposes of Subsections (2)(d) and (3), a signed form described in Subsection  
62 (2)(c) is received by the county clerk on or before March 31 if:

63 (i) the individual submits the form in person at the county clerk's office no later than 5  
64 p.m. on the last business day before April 1;

65 (ii) the individual submits the form electronically through the system described in  
66 Section [20A-2-206](#), at or before 11:59 p.m. on March 31; or

67 (iii) the individual's form is clearly postmarked on or before March 31.

68 (g) Subsection (2)(d) does not apply to the party affiliation designated by a voter on the  
69 voter registration form if the voter has not previously been registered to vote in the state.

70 (3) In an even-numbered year, if a voter requests that the voter's name be removed  
71 from the official register under Section [20A-2-305](#) and then submits a voter registration form to  
72 the office of a county clerk after March 31, the voter's political party affiliation, whether  
73 designated on the voter registration form or submitted in accordance with Subsection (2), takes  
74 effect on the day after that year's regular primary election.

75 Section 2. **Repealer.**

76 This bill repeals:

77 Section [20A-2-107.5](#), **Designating or changing party affiliation -- Regular primary**  
78 **election and presidential primary election.**